

RESOLUTION 2019-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR A COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE NON-MOTORIZED PLANNING GRANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL STUDIES IN THE NORTH FRUITA DESERT

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita along with the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and several local businesses, funded and completed in 2018 a Master Plan for the North Fruita Desert, Special Recreation Management Area on BLM managed lands; and

WHEREAS, the North Fruita Desert Master Plan identifies over 25 miles of new trail and trail re-routes; and

WHEREAS, the next steps to constructing the new trail and trail re-routes are to conduct environmental work along the trail corridors, including cultural and paleontological studies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita supports the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Planning Grant Application for the development of a cultural and paleontological studies at the North Fruita Desert Special Recreation Management Area on BLM lands; and

WHEREAS, the North Fruita Desert attracts thousands of visitors a year to the Fruita and greater Grand Valley communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita recognizes that trail and trail development and trail maintenance are important to the continued sustainability of the local economy by attracting visitors to the area; and

WHEREAS, developing trail is an effort to become the trails capital of the world, identified as a goal in 2014 by City Council; and

WHEREAS, providing connectivity of trails inside and outside the city is critical; and

WHEREAS, trail connectivity to the North Fruita Desert is identified in the City of Fruita's Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management has pledged \$7,200 in cash match to be used as grant match for Paleontological Studies in the North Fruita Desert; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita has pledged \$5,000 and \$1,400 will be used a grant match for the development of cultural and paleontological studies in the North Fruita Desert: and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita and its partners are requesting \$20,065 from Colorado Parks and Wildlife through the State Trails Program for a total project cost of \$28,665, to fund the development of cultural and paleontological studies in the North Fruita Desert.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE FRUITA COUNCIL THAT:

- Section 1:** The City Council of the City of Fruita strongly supports the application and is budgeting in 2020 matching funds for a grant with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, State Trail Program.
- Section 2:** If the grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of Fruita strongly supports the completion of the project.
- Section 3:** The City Council of the City of Fruita authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded.
- Section 4:** If the grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant agreement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife.
- Section 5:** This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRUITA,
COLORADO THIS 1st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.**

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRUITA

Margaret Steelman, City Clerk

Joel Kincaid, Mayor